

WRITING ASSESSMENT
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In our society, actors, musicians, and athletes can make millions or even billions of dollars. The fact that they earn that much money is ridiculous. They do deserve to make a living from their talents, but I agree that celebrities make more money than they deserve for the following reasons: They do not need all the money they make, many more important jobs earn much less, and money is the root of all evil.

First, celebrities do not need all of the money they make. No one has a need for huge mansions and private airplanes. While these are nice accessories to all of our needs in life, they are not required. Many athletes, such as Peyton Manning or Alex Rodriguez, have signed contracts in which they are ~~overpaid~~ ^{overpaid} in excess of one hundred million dollars. The NFL's minimum ~~salary~~ ^{salary} is two hundred fifty thousand dollars. That is more than most people will dream to make, and these athletes who ~~nothing~~ ^{want} "warm the bench" earn that much money. Athletes such as Lebron James and Tiger Woods earn even more money in endorsement. Companies sell more products by paying these athletes millions of dollars to star in commercials. This amount of money for doing something so meaningless is ridiculous.

Secondly, there are much more important ~~to~~ jobs that will earn less money. The most obvious example is teaching. Giving children and teenagers an education

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is much more important than participating in a professional sport or starring in a new movie. ~~Teachers~~ That said, teachers make a fraction of what athletes and celebrities make. Another important profession is being a doctor. While being a doctor can make one very wealthy, it still does not compare to the money made by star athletes or celebrities. Those are just two of the most obvious examples, there are a myriad of jobs more important to our society ~~that~~ that make much less money.

Lastly, money is the root of all evil. It has been proven throughout history that money corrupts. Money can lead players with huge egos, such as Terrel Owens, to sit out of the game he loves. Money makes people jealous and greedy. It can bring out the worst in anyone, so why give it to those that tend to have the worst egos to start with.

In conclusion, I think that athletes, musicians, and actors tend to be severely overpaid for what they do for several reasons. They make much more than is needed, more important jobs make much less, and, as the saying goes, money is the root of all evil.

Score Point: 6

This response reflects an outstanding degree of proficiency in persuasive writing skills. The writer voices a strong opinion that celebrities make more money than they deserve. The key ideas are specific, well developed, and clearly illustrated (celebrities do not need all the money they make, many more important jobs pay less, and money is the root of all evil). Syntactic variety and facility in the use of language are evident throughout. The response is well organized, and a strong persuasive tone is sustained.



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